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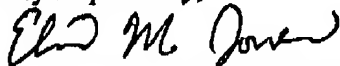
REMARKS—General

By the above amendment, applicants have amended the claims to define more patentably above the prior art.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite the tension adjuster previously recited in dependent Claim 6, while Claim 21 recites the same feature in method form. These claims define patentably over the reference, since Pannu's page holder is limited to a fixed tension, not enabling the turning of pages of varying size and thickness, in varying wind conditions, under effective retention.

Claim 11 has been amended to recite the diagonal positioning of the invention as shown in Figure 3, which ensures that the entire page remains open and readable (especially essential for musicians). The reference clearly lacks this capability. Claim 23 recites the use of multiple page holders (examples depicted in Figures 2 and 3). One of the present invention's greatest assets is its versatility to attach in any desired position, to an unending variety of surfaces (music stands, binders, etc.). Again, this freedom and ease are not to be found in the reference's fixed position.

Very respectfully,



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